

The question most asked of me is what is the emergency? All roads seem to run back to this commission telling the streamside setback committee to find one.

The agriculture representative on the streamside setback committee never contacted the larger irrigation districts, the local farm bureau, or the water resource council. Mr. Murphy from the water resource council attended the meeting Tuesday night all the way from Helena and his organization is against this whole resolution because of the infringement on personal property rights. Why were these organization never contacted by the Agriculture representative. The question has to be asked.....Who was he representing?????

Kathleen, I would be surprised at you if you believed in all this hype brought forward by special interest groups. Given your history in Ravalli County you know a lot of these people whose personal property rights will be affected if this ordinance is adopted. I'm sure it is not of your opinion that good people like Mr. & Mrs. Rennacker, Mr. Hendrickson and the Ruffoto's up north (just to name a few) are not good steward's of their land and need to be regulated by any special interest groups. Surely their years of hard work/dedication to the local community and their paying of there taxes have earned them the right to at the very least be consulted and their options be respected.

When I asked the chairman of the streamside setback committee how many acres this ordinance was effecting he did not have an ansere to my question. I took a few minutes and did a little simple math and with 60miles of river and approx. 500 miles of creeks an dstreams the figure is about 10,000 acres. You need to ask yourself-----who owns these acres and who pays taxes on them???? I feel that this is a BETRAYAL OF THE AMERICAN RIGHT TO OWN PROPERTY.

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